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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 10th to 14th, 16th, 18th, 20th to 23rd and 25th to 30th meetings, on 28 to 31 October, 3, 5, 10, 21, 24 and 26 November and 1, 4, 10, 11, 16, 18 and 23 December 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.10-14, 16, 18, 20-23 and 25-30).

3. At the 10th meeting, on 28 October, introductory statements were made by the Secretary-General, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (see A/C.5/58/SR.10).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Proposed programme budget

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: report of the Secretary-General[1]

[1] A/58/6 (Introduction), A/58/6 (Sects. 1-35), A/58/6 (Sect. 13/Add.1), A/58/6 (Sect. 14/Rev.1), A/58/6 (Income sects. 1-3) and A/58/6/Corr.1.

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First report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005[2]

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-third session[3]

Reports of the Secretary-General on proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/58/83, A/58/84 and A/58/90) (with item 122)

Report of the Secretary-General on plans for three additional conference rooms and viable solutions for allowing natural light into the rooms (A/58/556)

Letter dated 27 October 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/11) (with item 122)

Letter dated 6 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/14) (with item 122)

Letter dated 10 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/15) (with item 122)

Letters dated 24 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/19 and A/C.5/58/21) (with item 122)

Information and communication technology

Reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/620 and A/58/377)

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit and the comments of the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/58/82 and Add.1)

Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/398)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.5, sect. III)

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/3)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.4)

Improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/530)

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[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/58/7 and Corr.1).

[3] Ibid., *Supplement No. 16* (A/58/16).

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.6)

Special political missions: estimates in respect of which the Security Council is seized

Report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/20)

Note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/33)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.18 and Add.28)

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003

Report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/10)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.8)

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/27)

Report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/58/214 and Corr.1) (with item 120)

Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.9 and A/58/7/Add.19)

Special political missions

Report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/33)

International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.7)

Effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/528)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.11)

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/544)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.10)

Cost implications of providing more predictable and adequate conference services to the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/397)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.5, sect. II)

Contingency fund

Report of the Secretary-General: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates (A/C.5/58/34)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.29)

Conference and support services extended to the Counter-Terrorism Committee

Report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/23)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.17)

Development Account

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/404)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.5, sect. VI)

Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/400)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.5, sect. IV)

Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/403)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.5, sect. V)

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/173)

Capital master plan

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/599)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/58/342)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Board of Auditors (A/58/321)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.15)

Administration and management of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/569)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.12)

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2003

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/58/378)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.2)

Improvements to the current process of planning and budgeting

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/395 and Corr.1)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/7/Add.5, sect. I)

Inter-organizational security measures

Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/188)

5. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, in accordance with the guidelines for the use of the contingency fund (see the annex to General Assembly resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987), the Committee considered a consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates that were subject to the criteria for the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/58/34) and the corresponding report of the Advisory Committee (A/58/7/Add.29). After due consideration, the Committee decided to recommend a number of changes in respect of programme budget implications and revised estimates totalling $9,857,000 (see A/C.5/58/SR.30).

6. The table below summarizes the recommendations of the Fifth Committee for each section of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. The recommendations are based on the proposals of the Secretary-General,[1] the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions theron,[2] revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General and the appropriations required for the implementation of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its current session.

Summary of the recommendations of the Fifth Committee on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Amount approved	*Total*
A. Expenditure sections		
1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination		
Proposed programme budget	57 187.9	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(876.2)	
Financial implications:		
Resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003	91.9	
Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Pension Fund	1 504.5	
Recosting (A/58/528)	1 551.9	
Fifth Committee:		
New posts	(479.1)	
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(38.1)	
Overtime	(221.6)	
General temporary assistance	(53.5)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(163.3)	
Total, section 1		**58 504.4**
2. General Assembly affairs and conference services		
Proposed programme budget	492 911.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(3 941.1)	
Financial implications:		
Resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003	126.7	
The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects	1 004.6	
Conference and support services extended to the Counter-Terrorism Committee	7 958.9	
Protection and promotion of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities	596.8	
Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Drought and/or Desertification	1 331.7	
Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	3 366.5	
Oceans and the law of the sea	305.6	
Recosting (A/58/528)	34 298.9	

	Amount approved	*Total*
Fifth Committee:		
Common services infrastructure	(200.8)	
New posts	(110.7)	
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(4.1)	
Publications	(7.5)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(2 256.4)	
Total, section 2		**535 380.5**
3. *Political affairs*		
Proposed programme budget	240 155.6	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(998.9)	
Recosting (A/58/528)	1 095.2	
Fifth Committee:		
New posts	(178.2)	
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(23.3)	
Publications	(4.9)	
Overtime	(143.3)	
General temporary assistance	(68.3)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(238.5)	
Total, section 3		**239 595.4**
4. *Disarmament*		
Proposed programme budget	17 670.3	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(508.8)	
Financial implications:		
The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects	254.2	
Recosting (A/58/528)	585.2	
Fifth Committee:		
New posts	123.3	
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(3.2)	
Publications	(0.6)	
Overtime	(15.8)	
General temporary assistance	(11.6)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(44.8)	
Total, section 4		**18 048.2**
5. *Peacekeeping operations*		
Proposed programme budget	88 055.8	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(2 156.6)	

		Amount approved	*Total*
	Recosting (A/58/528)	424.9	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Common services infrastructure	(354.3)	
	Conversions	(532.0)	
	DSA rates	(5.8)	
	Overtime	(75.9)	
	General temporary assistance	(29.8)	
	United Nations Truce Supervision Organization	1 492.9	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(695.0)	
	Total, section 5		**86 124.2**
6.	*Peaceful uses of outer space*		
	Proposed programme budget	4 807.1	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(27.5)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	719.9	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(1.7)	
	General temporary assistance	(3.4)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(10.0)	
	Total, section 6		**5 484.4**
7.	*International Court of Justice*		
	Proposed programme budget	28 668.6	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(283.2)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	3 624.7	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Common services infrastructure	(120.1)	
	New posts	(166.8)	
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(1.0)	
	Overtime	(34.0)	
	General temporary assistance	(49.8)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(100.5)	
	Total, section 7		**31 537.9**
8.	*Legal affairs*		
	Proposed programme budget	37 900.3	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(568.2)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	1 518.1	

		Amount approved	*Total*
	Fifth Committee:		
	New posts	93.3	
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(4.2)	
	Publications	(76.0)	
	Overtime	(18.8)	
	General temporary assistance	(14.6)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(122.4)	
	Total, section 8		**38 707.5**
9.	*Economic and social affairs*		
	Proposed programme budget	136 462.3	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(2 316.1)	
	Financial implications:		
	Resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003	(72.6)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	3 725.6	
	Fifth Committee:		
	New posts	926.6	
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(23.4)	
	Other	116.7	
	Publications	(66.2)	
	Overtime	(43.5)	
	General temporary assistance	(124.2)	
	Abolition of General Service posts	(384.6)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(461.2)	
	Total, section [9]		**137 739.4**
10.	*Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States*		
	Proposed programme budget	4 233.1	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(24.8)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	133.9	
	Fifth Committee:		
	New posts	(85.3)	
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(2.4)	
	Overtime	(6.6)	
	General temporary assistance	(8.0)	

		Amount approved	*Total*
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(8.0)	
	Total, section 10		**4 231.9**
11.	*United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development*		
	Proposed programme budget	9 103.6	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(44.4)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	336.9	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(4.5)	
	Overtime	(7.3)	
	General temporary assistance	(19.5)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(20.8)	
	Total, section 11		**9 344.0**
12.	*Trade and development*		
	Proposed programme budget	96 998.2	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 258.5)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	10 524.8	
	Fifth Committee:		
	New posts	366.7	
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(17.5)	
	Other	284.8	
	Publications	(42.1)	
	Overtime	(25.0)	
	General temporary assistance	(115.2)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(474.4)	
	Total, section 12		**106 241.8**
13.	*International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO*		
	Proposed programme budget	20 938.0	
	(A/58/6 (Sect. 13)/Add.1)	2 926.4	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(392.2)	
	Total, section 13		**23 472.2**
14.	*Environment*		
	Proposed programme budget	10 012.3	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(214.4)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	824.7	

		Amount approved	*Total*
	Fifth Committee:		
	New posts	(43.4)	
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(1.4)	
	Overtime	(16.2)	
	General temporary assistance	(6.0)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(25.5)	
	Total, section 14		**10 530.1**
15.	*Human settlements*		
	Proposed programme budget	14 918.1	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(306.6)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	769.9	
	Fifth Committee:		
	New posts	165.3	
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(3.0)	
	Publications	(6.2)	
	Overtime	(12.3)	
	General temporary assistance	(19.8)	
	Reclassifications	57.8	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(27.0)	
	Total, section 15		**15 536.2**
16.	*Crime prevention and criminal justice*		
	Proposed programme budget	8 375.6	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(42.7)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	1 333.4	
	Fifth Committee:		
	New posts	(205.7)	
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(2.6)	
	Publications	(11.4)	
	Overtime	(2.9)	
	General temporary assistance	(32.0)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(18.9)	
	Total, section 16		**9 392.8**
17.	*International drug control*		
	Proposed programme budget	18 078.5	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(376.8)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	2 680.7	

		Amount approved	*Total*
	Fifth Committee:		
	New posts	(258.6)	
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(8.3)	
	Publications	(44.1)	
	Overtime	(9.9)	
	General temporary assistance	(41.3)	
	Reclassifications	37.4	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(50.7)	
	Total, section 17		**20 006.9**
18.	*Economic and social development in Africa*		
	Proposed programme budget	88 117.2	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 573.8)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	9 661.7	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Common services infrastructure	85.0	
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(15.1)	
	Publications	(53.0)	
	Overtime	(150.0)	
	General temporary assistance	(300.0)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(155.0)	
	Total, section 18		**95 617.0**
19.	*Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific*		
	Proposed programme budget	64 727.1	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 092.6)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	3 254.6	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Common services infrastructure	70.0	
	New posts	81.4	
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(5.1)	
	Publications	(17.6)	
	Overtime	(28.8)	
	General temporary assistance	(30.0)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(315.0)	
	Total, section 19		**66 644.0**
20.	*Economic development in Europe*		
	Proposed programme budget	46 948.1	

	Amount approved	*Total*
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(842.0)	
Recosting (A/58/528)	5 036.1	
Fifth Committee:		
New posts	(124.2)	
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(7.1)	
Publications	(13.4)	
Overtime	(3.6)	
General temporary assistance	(20.0)	
Abolition of General Service posts	(560.1)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(217.0)	
Total, section 20		**50 196.8**
21. *Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean*		
Proposed programme budget	81 211.7	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 904.9)	
Recosting (A/58/528)	2 083.2	
Fifth Committee:		
Common services infrastructure	85.0	
New posts	(33.9)	
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(14.2)	
Publications	(26.9)	
Overtime	(77.3)	
General temporary assistance	(117.0)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(401.7)	
Total, section 21		**80 804.0**
22. *Economic and social development in Western Asia*		
Proposed programme budget	53 699.7	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(553.7)	
Recosting (A/58/528)	(448.7)	
Fifth Committee:		
Common services infrastructure	70.0	
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(4.6)	
Publications	(5.7)	
Overtime	(50.0)	
General temporary assistance	(100.0)	
Reclassifications	100.8	

		Amount approved	Total
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(227.4)	
	Total, section 22		**52 488.4**
23.	*Regular programme of technical cooperation*		
	Proposed programme budget	44 197.1	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	2 682.1	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Recosting of technical cooperation	(4 007.7)	
	Total, section 23		**42 871.5**
24.	*Human rights*		
	Proposed programme budget	53 540.4	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 867.3)	
	Financial implications:		
	Resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003	12.8	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	4 649.2	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee (A/58/7/Add.12)	711.4	
	Fifth Committee:		
	New posts	200.0	
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(20.8)	
	Publications	(5.7)	
	Overtime	(41.6)	
	General temporary assistance	(226.4)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(157.5)	
	Total, section 24		**56 794.5**
25.	*Protection of and assistance to refugees*		
	Proposed programme budget	49 282.1	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 274.1)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	7 973.9	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	750.0	
	Total, section 25		**56 731.9**
26.	*Palestine refugees*		
	Proposed programme budget	32 585.1	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(190.0)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	626.0	

	Amount approved	Total
Fifth Committee:		
New posts	859.3	
General temporary assistance	(1.2)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(27.4)	
Total, section 26		**33 851.8**
27. Humanitarian assistance		
Proposed programme budget	22 905.3	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(900.8)	
Recosting (A/58/528)	981.7	
Fifth Committee:		
New posts	399.0	
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(15.7)	
Overtime	(47.1)	
General temporary assistance	(55.2)	
Reclassifications	61.4	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(38.3)	
Total, section 27		**23 292.3**
28. Public information		
Proposed programme budget	158 802.0	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 855.0)	
Recosting (A/58/528)	2 976.7	
Fifth Committee:		
Common services infrastructure	(721.9)	
United Nations Information Centres	(2 000.0)	
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(12.6)	
Other	105.2	
Overtime	(168.6)	
General temporary assistance	(473.9)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(782.0)	
Total, section 28		**155 869.9**
29A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management		
Proposed programme budget	9 698.3	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(371.8)	
Recosting (A/58/528)	278.2	
Fifth Committee:		
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(0.8)	

	Amount approved	*Total*
Overtime	(10.1)	
General temporary assistance	(10.3)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(47.2)	
Total, section 29A		**9 536.3**
29B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts		
Proposed programme budget	28 343.9	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(537.6)	
Recosting (A/58/528)	773.4	
Fifth Committee:		
New posts	(154.9)	
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(0.4)	
Publications	(0.8)	
Overtime	(75.0)	
General temporary assistance	(49.7)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(151.2)	
Total, section 29B		**28 147.7**
29C. Office of Human Resources Management		
Proposed programme budget	56 804.2	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(415.7)	
Recosting (A/58/528)	866.8	
Fifth Committee:		
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(6.2)	
Publications	(4.4)	
Overtime	(21.7)	
General temporary assistance	(74.7)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(197.2)	
Total, section 29C		**56 951.1**
29D. Office of Central Support Services		
Proposed programme budget	268 766.8	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(6 910.6)	
Financial implications:		
Resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003	72.6	
The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects	69.7	
Conference and support services extended to the Counter-Terrorism Committee	234.1	

	Amount approved	*Total*
Protection and promotion of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities	29.4	
Recosting (A/58/528)	(29.8)	
Fifth Committee:		
Common services infrastructure	(1 099.6)	
New posts	(85.3)	
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(10.4)	
Publications	(13.5)	
Overtime	(476.9)	
General temporary assistance	(160.1)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(1 155.1)	
Total, section 29D		**259 231.3**
29E. Administration, Geneva		
Proposed programme budget	98 460.3	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(1 515.6)	
Financial implications:		
Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Drought and/or Desertification	7.0	
Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	27.9	
Recosting (A/58/528)	16 997.5	
Fifth Committee:		
Common services infrastructure	(658.4)	
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(1.0)	
Other	(590.0)	
Overtime	(142.5)	
General temporary assistance	(163.7)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(941.5)	
Total, section 29E		**111 480.0**
29F. Administration, Vienna		
Proposed programme budget	27 847.9	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(455.9)	
Recosting (A/58/528)	5 672.2	
Fifth Committee:		
Common services infrastructure	(200.2)	
Daily subsistence allowance rates	(0.4)	
Overtime	(36.4)	

		Amount approved	Total
	General temporary assistance	(76.7)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(142.5)	
	Total, section 29F		**32 608.0**
29G. Administration, Nairobi			
	Proposed programme budget	16 207.7	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(101.0)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	2 464.6	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Common services infrastructure	(51.0)	
	New posts	(134.7)	
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(0.4)	
	Overtime	(28.4)	
	General temporary assistance	(33.3)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(109.0)	
	Total, section 29G		**18 214.5**
30. Internal oversight			
	Proposed programme budget	22 847.4	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(368.3)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	823.7	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Daily subsistence allowance rates	(11.2)	
	Overtime	(8.9)	
	General temporary assistance	(10.8)	
	Reclassifications	20.3	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(65.0)	
	Total, section 30		**23 227.2**
31. Jointly financed administrative activities			
	Proposed programme budget	24 533.6	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(299.9)	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	261.7	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Joint Inspection Unit	(1 505.2)	
	Total, section 31		**22 990.2**
32. Special expenses			
	Proposed programme budget	78 284.5	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	1 274.3	

	Amount approved	*Total*
Fifth Committee:		
Common services infrastructure	(103.7)	
Total, section 32		**79 455.1**
33. *Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance*		
Proposed programme budget	54 245.0	
Financial implications:		
Improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi	1 032.0	
Recosting (A/58/528)	3 374.3	
Total, section 33		**58 651.3**
34. *Staff assessment*		
Proposed programme budget	376 606.4	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(4 072.8)	
Financial implications:		
Resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003	48.6	
The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects	47.1	
Recosting (A/58/528)	14 076.5	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee (A/58/7/Add.12)	427.0	
Fifth Committee:		
New posts/conversions/abolitions/reclassifications	(2 838.1)	
Freeze of General Service recruitment	(2 024.0)	
Total, section 34		**382 270.7**
35. *Development Account*		
Proposed programme budget	13 065.0	
Total, section 35		**13 065.0**
Total, expenditure sections		**3 160 860.3**
B. Income sections		
1. *Income from staff assessment*		
Proposed programme budget	380 712.5	
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	(4 136.2)	
Financial implications:		
Resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003	48.6	
The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects	47.1	
Recosting (A/58/528)	14 293.8	

		Amount approved	*Total*
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee (A/58/7/Add.12)	427.0	
	Fifth Committee:		
	New posts/conversions/abolitions/reclassifications	(2 838.1)	
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	(2 063.0)	
	Total, income section 1		**386 491.7**
2.	*General income*		
	Proposed programme budget	23 019.1	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	1 024.1	
	Total, income section 2		**24 043.2**
3.	*Services to the public*		
	Proposed programme budget	3 591.8	
	Recommendations of the Advisory Committee	330.2	
	Recosting (A/58/528)	546.0	
	Fifth Committee:		
	Freeze of General Service recruitment	288.9	
	Total, income section 3		**4 756.9**
	Total, income sections		**415 291.8**

II. Consideration of proposals on the proposed programme budget

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.48

7. At the 30th meeting, on 23 December 2003, the representative of Pakistan, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.48, entitled "Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005".

8. At the same meeting, before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and also Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey), Morocco (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), the United States of America and the Russian Federation (see A/C.5/58/SR.30).

9. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.48, as orally corrected, without a vote (see para. 79, draft resolution I).

10. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Japan made a statement in explanation of position (see A/C.5/58/SR.30).

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.49

11. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December 2003, the Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.49, entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005".

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.49 without a vote (see para. 79, draft resolution II).

13. In the draft resolution, the Committee recommended a gross appropriation of $3,160,860,300 (draft resolution II A) and an estimate for income (other than income derived from staff assessment) of $28,800,100 (draft resolution II B). The net expenditure for the biennium 2004-2005 is thus estimated at $3,132,060,200. The financing of the requirements is dealt with in draft resolution II C.

14. Also in the draft resolution, the Committee recommended an estimate of $382,270,700 as staff assessment for transfer in the course of the biennium 2004-2005 to the Tax Equalization Fund, from which credits are distributed to Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955.

C. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.51

15. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December 2003, the Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.51, entitled "Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2004-2005", submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations.

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.51 without a vote (see para. 79, draft resolution IV).

D. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.52

17. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December 2003, the Committee had before it draft resolution A.C.5/58/L.52, entitled "Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2004-2005", submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations.

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.52 without a vote (see para. 79, draft resolution V).

19. In the draft resolution, the Committee recommends that the Working Capital Fund be established at the level of $100 million.

III. Consideration of proposals on special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

20. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December 2003, the Fifth Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.50, entitled "Special subjects relating to the proposed

programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005", submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations. Draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.50 contained draft resolutions and decisions A/C.5/58/L.14, 19 to 23, 30, 31, 40 and 43, as well as other recommendations adopted by the Committee in informal consultations.

A. Information and communication technology strategy

21. The Committee considered this question at its 13th, 14th and 22nd meetings, on 31 October and 3 and 26 November 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.13, 14 and 22).

22. At its 22nd meeting on 26 November, the Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.14, entitled "Information and communication technology strategy", submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Costa Rica.

23. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.14 without a vote. In the draft resolution the Committee recommended that the General Assembly:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General and welcome the steps being taken to address all requests contained in its resolution 57/304;

(b) Reiterate the need to indicate the return on investment for planned and proposed major projects in terms that were as quantitative as possible;

(c) Take note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, the comments of the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon and the related report of the Advisory Committee (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. I).

B. Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat

24. The Committee considered this question at its 13th, 14th and 22nd meetings, on 31 October and 3 and 26 November 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.13, 14 and 22).

25. At the 22nd meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.22, entitled "Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat".

26. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.22 without a vote. In the draft resolution, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General and the related report of the Advisory Committee (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. II).

C. Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

27. The Committee considered this question at its 22nd and 26th meetings, on 26 November and 10 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.22 and 26).

28. At its 26th meeting on 10 December, the Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.30, entitled "Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research", submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Belgium.

29. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.30 without a vote. In the draft resolution, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly:

(a) Approve the request for a subvention by the General Assembly of $227,600 for the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research for the year 2004 from the approved regular budget of the United Nations on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to report to it at the main part of its fifty-ninth session on the continuing need for a subvention to the Institute, taking into account previous reports and any relevant decisions on the question of subventions (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. III).

D. Improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in order to accommodate adequately major meetings and conferences

30. The Committee considered this question at its 13th, 14th and 30th meetings, on 31 October, 3 November and 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.13, 14 and 30).

31. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.31, entitled "Improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in order to accommodate adequately major meetings and conferences", submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations.

32. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.31 without a vote. In the draft resolution, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly:

(a) Authorize the modernization of the existing conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

(b) Decide to appropriate related resources under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 to finance the modernization of the existing conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in the amount of $1,032,000 as a charge against the contingency fund;

(c) Decide to approve the utilization of an amount of $1,020,000 for the modernization of the existing conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, to be financed within the available balance of the construction-in-progress account;

(d) Request the Secretary-General to report to it on the experience gained from operating the modernized conference facilities of the United Nations Office at Nairobi during the biennium 2006-2007 (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. IV).

E. Special political missions: estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

33. The Committee considered this question at its 27th and 30th meetings, on 11 and 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.27 and 30).

34. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.40, entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council", submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations.

35. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council;

(b) Endorse the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report, subject to the provisions of the resolution;

(c) Decide not to endorse the observation of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 26 of its report;

(d) Request the Secretary-General to further explore synergies and complementarities between various missions and other relevant entities of the United Nations in order to ensure efficiency and optimum use of resources and to report thereon in the context of future budget proposals on special political missions;

(e) Request the Secretary-General to expand the treatment of larger missions with a view to providing a level of information similar to that contained in the proposed budgets of peacekeeping operations, taking into account relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

(f) Approve a charge of $133,119,500 for the 17 special political missions presented in table 1, section II, of the report of the Secretary-General emanating from decisions taken or to be taken by the Security Council, against the provision of $169,431,700 for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

(g) Approve a further charge of $2,172,400 for the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 January to 4 February 2004, consequent to the adoption of resolution 58/275 of 23 December 2003, against the provision of $169,431,700 for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

(h) Approve a charge of $7,185,000 for the three special political missions presented in table 1, section I, of the report of the Secretary-General emanating from the decisions taken or to be taken by the General Assembly, against the provision of $169,431,700 for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the

proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. V).

F. Joint Inspection Unit

36. The Committee considered this question at its 10th to 13th and 30th meetings, from 28 to 31 October and on 23 December 2003, in connection with the debate on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (see A/C.5/58/SR.10-13 and 30).

37. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly:

(a) Approve the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for 2004 in the amount of $4,900,800;

(b) Decide to take action on the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for 2005 in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. VI).

G. International Civil Service Commission

38. The Committee considered this question at its 10th to 13th and 30th meetings, from 28 to 31 October and on 23 December 2003, in connection with the debate on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (see A/C.5/58/SR.10-13 and 30).

39. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly approve a gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 2004-2005 in the amount of $14,724,100 (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. VII).

H. Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator

40. The Committee considered this question at its 10th to 13th and 30th meetings, from 28 to 31 October and on 23 December 2003, in connection with the debate on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (see A/C.5/58/SR.10-13 and 30).

41. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly approve the gross budget for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator for the biennium 2004-2005 in the amount of $86,375,800 (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. VIII).

I. Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003

42. The Committee considered this question at its 22nd and 30th meetings, on 26 November and on 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.22 and 30).

43. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December 2003, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly:

(a) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General and the related report of the Advisory Committee;

(b) Note that additional financial requirements for the meeting of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration in the amount of $58,300 were no longer required;

(c) Invite the Economic and Social Council to review its decision 2003/264 regarding the arrangement of the Social Forum, invite the Council to hold the Social Forum immediately before the sessions of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and decide that the related resources of $12,800 would be a charge against the contingency fund;

(d) Invite the Council to review its decision 2003/269 with a view to examining the possibility that additional meetings of the Commission on Human Rights may not be required in connection with its sixtieth session, request the Secretary-General to provide such conference services as might be required consequent to Council decision 2003/269, as reviewed, and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the related expenditures in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, and decide that an amount of $193,800 will be set aside in the contingency fund in the event that additional requirements arise from providing such services (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. IX).

J. Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

44. The Committee considered this question at its 21st, 27th and 30th meetings, on 24 November and 11 and 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.21, 27 and 30).

45. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly:

(a) Concur with the recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;

(b) Approve expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling $80,770,800 net for the biennium 2004-2005 and no change in the initial appropriation of $74,384,900 net for the biennium 2002-2003 for the administration of the Fund;

(c) Approve an additional amount of $1,504,500 above the level of resources set out in section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2004-2005 as the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the central secretariat of the Fund;

(d) Authorize the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 2004-2005 by an amount not exceeding $200,000 (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. X).

K. Special political missions

46. The Committee considered this question at its 29th and 30th meetings, on 18 and 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.29 and 30).

47. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly note that an unallocated balance of $26,954,800 remained against the provision of $169,431,700 for special political missions (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XI).

L. Proposed programme budget for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

48. The Committee considered this question at its 16th and 30th meetings, on 5 November and 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.16 and 30).

49. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly approve resources in the amount of $23,472,200 proposed for the biennium 2004-2005 under section 13, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XII).

M. Effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

50. The Committee considered this question at its 22nd and 30th meetings, on 26 November and 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.22 and 30).

51. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December 2003, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the revised estimates arising from recosting due to the effects of changes in the rates of exchange and inflation (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XIII).

N. Financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

52. The Committee considered this question at its 22nd and 30th meetings, on 26 November and 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.22 and 30).

53. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly:

(a) Decide to cancel the debt of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in respect of rent and maintenance charges in the amount of $321,184;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to invite the Board of Trustees of the Institute to rationalize the financial structure of the Institute, including through the possible application of a consistent programme support rate to the special purpose

grants fund in order to bring it in line with the standard rate applied by the United Nations, and decide to revert to the question at its fifty-ninth session (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XIV).

O. Cost implications of providing more predictable and adequate conference services to the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States

54. The Committee considered this question at its 13th, 14th and 30th meetings, on 31 October, 3 November and 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.13, 14 and 30).

55. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General and the related report of the Advisory Committee, and note that there would be no effect on the budget estimates of the United Nations (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XV).

P. Contingency fund

56. The Committee considered this question at its 29th and 30th meetings, on 18 and 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.29 and 30).

57. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly note that a balance of $11,314,500 remained in the contingency fund (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XVI).

Q. Conference and support services extended to the Counter-Terrorism Committee in the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

58. The Committee considered this question at its 28th and 30th meetings, on 16 and 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.28 and 30).

59. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly:

(a) Reiterate paragraph 2 of its resolution 56/288, in which it requested the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of conference and support services to the Counter-Terrorism Committee without adversely affecting other conference services;

(b) Decide to appropriate an amount of $8,193,000 to support the meeting requirements of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for the biennium 2004-2005 in the programme budget as follows: $7,958,900 under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, and $234,100 under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XVII).

R. Development Account

60. The Committee considered this question at its 13th, 14th and 22nd meetings, on 31 October and 3 and 26 November 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.13, 14 and 22).

61. At the 22nd meeting on 26 November, the representative of Uruguay, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.19, entitled "Development Account".

62. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.19 without a vote. In the draft decision, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General and concur with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XVIII).

S. Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations

63. The Committee considered the question at its 13th, 14th and 22nd meetings, on 31 October and 3 and 26 November 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.13, 14 and 22).

64. At the 22nd meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.20, entitled "Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations".

65. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.20 without a vote. In the draft decision, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly:

(a) Reaffirm its resolution 41/213;

(b) Note that the effects on the budget of inflation and currency fluctuations can be both positive and negative;

(c) Take note of the report of the Secretary-General on additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations and the related report of the Advisory Committee;

(d) Request the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of establishing a reserve fund to utilize currency gains and to report thereon, through the Advisory Committee, to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XIX).

T. Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions

66. The Committee considered this question at its 13th, 14th and 22nd meetings, on 31 October and 3 and 26 November 2003 (see A/C.5/58/L.13, 14 and 22).

67. At the 22nd meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this

question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.21, entitled "Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions".

68. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.21 without a vote. In the draft decision, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General and the related report of the Advisory Committee (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XX).

U. United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

69. The Committee considered this question at its 13th, 14th and 22nd meetings, on 31 October and 3 and 26 November 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.13, 14 and 22).

70. At the 22nd meeting, on 26 November, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/58/L.23 entitled "United Nations Fund for International Partnerships".

71. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.23 without a vote. In the draft decision, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XXI).

V. Capital master plan

72. The Committee considered this question at its 25th and 30th meetings, on 4 and 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.25 and 30).

73. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee decided without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General, the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Board of Auditors and the related report of the Advisory Committee (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XXII).

W. Administration and management of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

74. The Committee considered this question at its 22nd, 23rd and 30th meetings, on 26 November and 1 and 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.22, 23 and 30).

75. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the report of the Secretary-General and the related report of the Advisory Committee (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XXIII).

X. Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2003

76. The Committee considered this question at its 18th and 30th meetings, on 10 November and 23 December 2003 (see A/C.5/58/SR.18 and 30).

77. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/58/L.43, entitled "Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2003".

78. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the statement of the Secretary-General and the related report of the Advisory Committee (see para. 79, draft resolution III, sect. XXIV).

IV. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

79. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/211 of 21 December 1987, 45/248 B, part VI, of 21 December 1990 and 56/253 of 24 December 2001,

Recalling its resolutions 57/280 and 57/282 of 20 December 2002,

Recalling also its resolutions 57/292 of 20 December 2002 and 57/311 of 18 June 2003,

Reaffirming the respective mandates of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005,

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005[1] and the relevant reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the Committee for Programme and Coordination[3] thereon,

1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

2. *Also reaffirms* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

3. *Further reaffirms* the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation[4] and the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

4. *Welcomes* the timely submission of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;[1]

5. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the programme narrative of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 contained in the report of the

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[1] A/58/6 (Introduction), A/58/6 (Sects. 1-35), A/58/6 (Sect. 13)/Add.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 14)/Rev.1, A/58/6 (Income sects. 1-3) and A/58/6/Corr.1.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/58/7/Corr.1) and A/58/7/Add.13.

[3] Ibid., *Supplement No. 16* (A/58/16).

[4] ST/SGB/2000/8.

Committee on the work of its forty-third session,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, as reflected in annex I;

6. *Approves* the programme narratives of section 14, Environment, and section 24, Human rights, as also reflected in annex I;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning posts and non-post resources contained in its report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005,[5] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

8. *Decides* that a vacancy rate of 5.5 per cent for Professional staff and 3.8 per cent for General Service staff shall be used as a basis for the calculation of the budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

9. *Also decides* to maintain the current practice of recosting for the forthcoming biennium, except with respect to section 23, Regular programme of technical cooperation, of the proposed programme budget, to which recosting should not be applied;

10. *Further decides* to revert to the question of recosting at its fifty-ninth session in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to include in that report information on the variation between the projected recosting needs arising from inflation and currency movements as at October 2003 and at the time of the preparation of the report;

11. *Requests* the Board of Auditors, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to examine the recosting methodology and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, including proposing the most appropriate mechanism for managing the currency aspects of the recosting methodology;

12. *Notes* the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions related to the concept of managing the staffing table as a whole contained in paragraphs 73 to 78 and 143 of its report;[5]

13. *Reaffirms* paragraph 35 of its resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General, during the course of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, to commence, on an experimental basis, with the redeployment of posts as necessary to meet the evolving needs of the Organization in attaining its mandated programmes and activities, in accordance with the following principles:

(a) The experiment shall be limited to the redeployment of up to 50 posts Organization-wide;

(b) The experiment shall not imply any change in the human resources management policies of the Organization;

(c) The proposed programme budget shall remain the principal instrument in which the Secretary-General sets out the resources and staffing requirements of the Organization;

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[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/58/7 and Corr.1).

(d) The authority to redeploy posts shall in no way prevent the Secretary-General from requesting additional posts during the course of the experiment;

(e) The experiment shall not exacerbate high vacancy rates in any budget sections;

(f) The experiment shall not apply to language services;

(g) Redeployment between sections shall be carried out only after all possibilities of using resources available within budget sections that will benefit from the transfer have been exhaustively explored;

(h) The experiment shall not be implemented as a result of General Assembly resolutions calling for the implementation of decisions "within existing resources";

(i) Reporting to the General Assembly shall be carried out in the context of the annual budget performance reports;

(j) The Secretary-General is requested to provide information periodically to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on actions taken;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the experiment shall in no way limit opportunities for external recruitment for posts at any level;

16. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-ninth session on the implications of the experiment for human resources management policies;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, through the Advisory Committee, a comprehensive report for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on the progress of and lessons learned from the experiment, including the following aspects:

(a) Implications for the relevant financial regulations and rules of the Organization;

(b) Additional implications, if any, for human resources management policies;

(c) Constraints encountered by the Secretary-General in exercising the flexibility granted to him in General Assembly resolutions 48/228 C of 29 July 1994 and 50/214 of 23 December 1995, as well as in regulation 5.6 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;[6]

(d) Measures to ensure that such a policy will not have any negative impact on sections with high vacancy rates;

(e) An elaboration of the elements requested in paragraph 35 of its resolution 57/300;

(f) Recommendations concerning the possible application of this approach to managing the staffing table in future;

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[6] ST/SGB/2003/7.

18. *Decides* that the staffing table for each year of the biennium 2004-2005 shall be as set out in annex II to the present resolution;

19. *Also decides*, notwithstanding the proposal of the Secretary-General and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, to approve new posts to be funded from the regular budget for the biennium 2004-2005, as set out in annex III to the present resolution;

20. *Recalls* paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 57/300, and in this regard notes the proposal of the Secretary-General in his report on administration and management of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights[7] regarding the establishment of two posts, one P-5 and one P-4, under subprogramme 2, as well as two posts, one D-1 and one P-4, under subprogramme 3 of section 24, Human rights,[8] of the proposed programme budget of the biennium 2004-2005 related to the implementation of actions 3 and 4 of his report on strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change;[9]

21. *Decides* to establish the above-mentioned posts, as set out in annex III to the present resolution;

22. *Also decides* to consider this issue further in the context of the decisions of the relevant intergovernmental bodies on the issues referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 of resolution 57/300;

23. *Further decides* to reclassify four P-4 posts to the P-5 level, one in section 15, Human settlements,[10] one in section 17, International drug control,[11] and two in section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia,[12] one D-1 post to the D-2 level in section 30, Internal oversight,[13] and one D-2 post to the Assistant Secretary-General level in section 27, Humanitarian assistance;[14]

24. *Decides* to approve the post conversions requested by the Secretary-General and recommended by the Advisory Committee, as set out in annex IV to the present resolution, with the exception of two posts, one P-4 and one P-3, that had been proposed for conversion to section 5, Peacekeeping operations,[15] from the Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to suspend recruitment action for new vacancies in General Service posts for the biennium 2004-2005, with the exception of safety and security personnel and editorial assistants (text processors) in language functions, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the progress made and on the impact of those measures in the context of the performance reports;

26. *Decides* to abolish six General Service posts, three in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and three in the Economic Commission for Europe;

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[7] A/58/569.
[8] A/58/6 (Sect. 24).
[9] A/57/387 and Corr.1.
[10] A/58/6 (Sect. 15).
[11] A/58/6 (Sect. 17).
[12] A/58/6 (Sect. 22) and A/58/6/Corr.1.
[13] A/58/6 (Sect. 30) and A/58/6/Corr.1.
[14] A/58/6 (Sect. 27) and A/58/6/Corr.1.
[15] A/58/6 (Sect. 5) and A/58/6/Corr.1.

27. *Also decides* to reduce further, by 3.2 million United States dollars, the proposed provision for restoration of common services;

28. *Further decides* to reduce the provision for general temporary assistance by 2.5 million dollars;

29. *Decides* that the reduction described in paragraph 28 above should not be applied to section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services;[16]

30. *Also decides* to reduce by 2 million dollars the provision for overtime and night differential, as set out in paragraph 84 of the first report of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005,[5] further decides that the relevant reductions should not be applied to security operations, and invites the Secretary-General to elaborate on resource needs for overtime and night differential in the context of the first budget performance report;

31. *Requests* the Secretary-General to discontinue the practice of paying higher subsistence rates to middle- and senior-level United Nations staff members;

32. *Decides* to reduce the total appropriation for publications by 400,000 dollars;

33. *Also decides* to maintain provisions for the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization at the level recommended by the Secretary-General;

34. *Further decides* to appropriate an amount of 38,200 dollars, under section 9, Department of Economic and Social Affairs,[17] requested for the preparation of Executive Committee papers on common strategic policy issues and/or support for the Committee's work on publications in advancing the Millennium Development Goals;

35. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of 78,500 dollars, under section 9, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, requested under subprogramme 2 for consultants and experts;

36. *Also decides* to defer the appropriation of the budgetary provisions for the Joint Inspection Unit for 2005;

37. *Further decides* to appropriate an amount of 1,858,600 dollars for consultants and experts for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

38. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of 56,731,900 dollars for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the biennium 2004-2005;

39. *Also decides* to reduce the allocation for United Nations information centres by 2 million dollars;

40. *Further decides* to defer consideration of 590,000 dollars for a network back-up system at the United Nations Office at Geneva until such time as all viable alternatives have been explored and reported on to the General Assembly;

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[16] A/58/6 (Sect. 2) and A/58/6/Corr.1.

[17] A/58/6 (Sect. 9).

41. *Decides* to restore an amount of 105,200 dollars under section 28, Public information,[18] for supplies and materials under outreach services;

42. *Recalls* its decision 57/579 of 20 December 2002, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen the United Nations web site through further redeployment to the required language posts and to report on the status of its implementation to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

43. *Decides* to consider the proposal of the Secretary-General regarding the transfer of the technical secretariats of the Fifth and Sixth Committees at its fifty-ninth session, with a view to taking a decision in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007;

44. *Recalls* its resolution 57/24 of 19 November 2002 and regulation 5.6 and the criteria set forth in rule 105.6 (a) of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to report, in the context of the first performance report, on the possibilities for absorptions or the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources for the *Repertory of Practice of the United Nations*;

45. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on improving the implementation of regulation 5.6 and rule 105.6 (a) of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning;

46. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to implement the information and communication technology strategy and to provide to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session a progress report on the impact of investments in information and communication technology;

47. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to review the structure and functions of all liaison or representation offices in New York of organizations headquartered elsewhere funded from the regular budget and to report to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-eighth session on possibilities for improving their effectiveness;

48. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a fundamental and comprehensive review of the regular programme of technical cooperation and to make appropriate proposals to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

49. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session a proposal for the progressive implementation of article 20 of the statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to its full implementation;

50. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to conduct, through the Office of Internal Oversight Services, a review of the operation and management of United Nations libraries, with a view to assessing staffing requirements for those libraries in the light of technological advances in the delivery of information services, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

51. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on proposals for developing a more robust capability within the

[18] A/58/6 (Sect. 28) and A/58/6/Corr.1.

Office of Human Resources Management to enable it to reduce the level of underrepresentation of Member States and the number of unrepresented Member States;

52. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with the task of conducting a study on the availability in local labour markets of the skills for which international recruitment for posts in the General Service category now takes place and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the findings and their implications;

53. *Reaffirms* the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 57/307 of 15 April 2003, requests the Secretary-General to ensure the independence of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal and the separation of its secretariat from the Office of Legal Affairs, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-ninth session the report on its financial independence requested in the above-mentioned resolution;

54. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on further progress made to increase the capacity of the Economic Commission for Africa to communicate and transmit data electronically in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007;

55. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 15 and 17 of its resolution 57/300, in particular where the General Assembly requests the Secretary-General, with assistance from the Office of Internal Oversight Services, to proceed as quickly as possible to conduct a systematic evaluation of the impact, efficiency and cost-effectiveness of all activities of the Department of Public Information, and to report on progress made to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session through the Committee on Information and the Fifth Committee;

56. *Also reaffirms* that the Official Document System, as an archival and retrieval system of official documents, should cover the entire Organization, including the United Nations Office at Nairobi and all regional commissions, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to pursue vigorous implementation and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the progress made;

57. *Emphasizes* the priority it attaches to the necessity of improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to keep under review the issue of the construction of additional facilities at the Office and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, in the light of experience gained from operating the modernized conference facilities;

58. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present a comprehensive report to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session addressing possible measures to improve the performance of the Development Account, including ways and means aimed at bringing a more focused approach to project formulation, complementarity, implementation and evaluation, as well as to make proposals on increasing its funding in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 and 54/15 of 29 October 1999.

Annex I

Changes to the programme narratives of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 as reflected in the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-third session[a] and additional modifications

Section 1
Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

Table 1.21

Under indicator of achievement (e) (i), after the words "of the Secretary-General's reform", insert the words "as mandated by General Assembly resolutions", bearing in mind the provisions of Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Table 1.34

Add a new indicator of achievement (a), reading: "(a) The number of conflicts referred to the Ombudsman for which the Ombudsman facilitated a resolution"; and insert "(b)" before the words "Reduction in the number".

Section 2
General Assembly affairs and conference services

Tables 2.15, 2.17, 2.19, 2.22, 2.24, 2.26, 2.33, 2.35, 2.41 and 2.43

Add the entry "Increased productivity" under both *Expected accomplishments* and *Indicators of achievement*.

Table 2.9

Insert a new expected accomplishment (c), reading: "(c) Improvement of conference service performance in New York and all other duty stations".

Add a new indicator of achievement (c), reading:

"(c) (i) Optimization of use of technology in key processes;

"(ii) Updated proposals for workload standards, efficiency and related performance indicators;

"(iii) Issuance of updated bulletins of the Secretary-General that set out the relationship between Headquarters and conference-servicing units in other duty stations".

[a] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/58/16).

Table 2.13

Delete footnote a and the indicator thereto.

Add a new indicator of achievement (iii), reading: "(iii) Presentation of documentation on time, with full respect for the six-week rule".

Tables 2.17, 2.19, 2.24, 2.26, 2.33, 2.35, 2.41 and 2.43

Under indicators of achievement (Performance measures), replace the words "2004-2005: to be determined through a survey" with the words "2004-2005: 90 per cent (to be determined through a survey)".

Tables 2.15, 2.22, 2.31 and 2.39

Add a new expected accomplishment (c), reading: "(c) Improvement in the timeliness of the production and distribution of parliamentary documentation in the six official languages of the Organization"; and re-letter the existing entries accordingly.

Add a new indicator of achievement, reading: "The amount and percentage of parliamentary documentation produced and distributed in the six official languages of the Organization within established deadlines"; and re-letter the existing entries accordingly.

Paragraph 2.33 (a) (ii) d

Add the following activity element: "iii. Meetings of regional and other major groupings on the basis of existing practice, bearing in mind further consideration of this issue by the General Assembly during its fifty-eighth session, in accordance with resolution 57/283 B".

Table 2.15

In indicator of achievement (a), after the words "relevant rules", add ", especially the six-week rule for submission of documents".

Table 2.17

Add a new indicator of achievement (b), reading: "(b) Presentation of documentation on time, observing the six-week rule"; and insert (a) before the preceding indicator.

Paragraph 2.43

In the third sentence, after the words "Official Document System (ODS)", add the words ", without negatively affecting the quality of services provided and the quantity of documents required by Member States".

Paragraph 2.45 (b)

Add the following output:

"(vi) Meetings of regional and other major groupings on the basis of existing practice, bearing in mind further consideration of this issue by the General

Assembly during its fifty-eighth session, in accordance with resolution 57/283 B".

Paragraph 2.46

In the third sentence, after "amounting to $459,200", add the words ", without negatively affecting the quality of services provided and the quantity of documents required by Member States".

Tables 2.22, 2.31 and 2.39

In indicator of achievement (a), after the words "in accordance with relevant rules", add ", in particular regarding the six-week rule for issuance and distribution of parliamentary documentation simultaneously in the six official languages".

Tables 2.24, 2.33, 2.35, 2.41 and 2.43

Add a new expected accomplishment (b), reading: "(b) Presentation of documentation on time, observing the six-week rule"; and insert "(a)" before the preceding expected accomplishment.

Add a new indicator of achievement (b), reading: "(b) The degree of satisfaction expressed by Member States with the presentation of the documentation on time"; and insert (a) before the preceding indicator of achievement.

Section 3
Political affairs

Paragraph 3.7

After the words "for further change (A/57/387)", add the words "approved in paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 57/300".

Paragraph 3.16

In the fourth sentence, delete the words "the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait".

Table 3.13

At the end of indicator of achievement (i), add the words "through peaceful means".

In indicator of achievement (ii), after the words "in which", add the words "conflicts or situations of conflict exist, and in which".

In indicator of achievement (ii), delete the words "including in cooperation with partners".

Table 3.19

After the words "Non-Self-Governing Territories" at the end of expected accomplishment (a), add the words "in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations".

Include as an indicator of achievement the following: "The effectiveness of servicing provided to the Special Committee, its seminars and the General Assembly; the effectiveness of research and analytical studies and reports on conditions in the Territories; and the effectiveness of publicity campaigns".

After the words "Non-Self-Governing Territories" at the end of objective 2, add the words "in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations".

Paragraph 3.44 (d)

Replace the text of subparagraph (d) with the following text: "the administering Powers will cooperate with the Special Committee in the implementation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations".

Paragraph 3.47

In the last sentence, after the words "international legitimacy", insert the words "and legality".

At the end of the paragraph, add the words "in accordance with relevant Security Council resolutions".

Table 3.21

In indicator of achievement (i), delete the words "as evidenced by the voting on the relevant resolutions".

Table 3.25

In indicators of achievement (b) (i) and (ii), delete the word "incontrovertible".

Section 4
Disarmament

Paragraph 4.39

Replace the seventh to ninth lines, after the words "mandated by the General Assembly.", with "compilation of information on measures taken by Member States and international organizations to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction, making accessible to Member States information on national legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual use of goods and technology.".

Section 5
Peacekeeping operations

Paragraph 5.5

Before the last sentence, insert the following sentence: "The Department will also continue to improve representation of underrepresented and unrepresented Member States in future recruitment".

In the fifth sentence, delete the word "also".

Table 5.9

In expected accomplishment (c) and indicator of achievement (c), after the words "gender issues", insert the words "and their geographical balance".

Table 5.12

Under indicator of achievement (i), performance measures (target 2004-2005), replace "10 weeks" with "9 weeks".

Under indicator of achievement (ii), performance measures target (2004-2005), replace the words "80 per cent of benchmarks" with the words "100 per cent of benchmarks within expected time frame".

Table 5.14

Under indicator of achievement (b) (ii), performance measures (target 2004-2005), replace "6 months" with "4 months".

Table 5.16

Reword indicator of achievement (a) (ii) to read: "An increase in the number of Member States with which the Secretariat has concluded standby arrangements".

Under indicator of achievement (b), reword the performance measures to read:

"2000-2001: __ per cent of all personnel deployment needs met by utilizing the United Nations standby arrangements system and rapid deployment levels or the on-call list

"Estimate 2002-2003: __ per cent of all personnel deployment needs met by utilizing the United Nations standby arrangements system and rapid deployment levels or the on-call list

"Target 2004-2005: __ per cent of all personnel deployment needs met by utilizing the United Nations standby arrangements system and rapid deployment levels or the on-call list".

Paragraph 5.29

Delete paragraph 5.29.

Paragraph 5.39

Replace paragraph 5.39 with the following: "The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that the Mine Action Service receives an adequate level of resources to respond to General Assembly and Security Council mandates."

Section 8
Legal affairs

Paragraph 8.3

In paragraph 8.3, before the words "registers and publishes treaties", insert as an objective: "assists Member States regarding implementation of the international legal order for seas and oceans as well as the law of treaties".

Paragraph 8.12

Rephrase the third task of the Division to read "The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea will provide services for the effective application of the international judicial order of the sea and the ocean, thus helping in the understanding, acceptance and consequent application of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (1982) and the related agreements."

Paragraph 8.31 (b) (ix)

At the end of the paragraph, insert "meeting the requests of Governments on questions relating to international public law through the relevant subsidiary organs in accordance with the existing practice".

Table 8.14

Under indicator of achievement (a) (iv), performance measures (2000-2001, estimate 2002-2003 and target 2004-2005), replace "1 week" with "1 week, observing the 6-week rule for documentation".

Paragraph 8.39 (a) (v)

Replace the title "Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Legal Instruments for the Prevention of Terrorist Acts" with "Ad Hoc Committee established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996".

Paragraph 8.39 (b) (i)

Under recurrent publications, include "and *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, 2002, volumes I and II (General Assembly resolution 987 (X), judgements, advisory opinions, consultations and orders of the International Court of Justice)".

Table 8.18

Under indicator of achievement (a), add a new subparagraph (ix) reading "Higher number of international transactions and higher volume of international debt trade carried out under the regime of UNCITRAL".

Section 9
Economic and social affairs

Paragraph 9.3

In the first sentence, insert "and social" after the words "sustained economic".

Table 9.12

In indicator of achievement (a) (iii), insert "with the assistance of the Secretariat" at the end of the text.

In expected accomplishment (b), after the words "that assist", replace "developing countries and countries with economies in transition" with "all countries".

In indicator of achievement (d) (iii), insert, after "gender balance", the words "taking into account the provisions of Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations".

In indicator of achievement (f), insert "with the assistance of the Secretariat" at the end of the text.

Table 9.16

Expected accomplishment (a) should read: "(a) Effective implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development at all levels, including through partnership initiatives according to the modalities agreed upon in the Commission on Sustainable Development that support implementation of the commitments agreed at the World Summit".

In expected accomplishment (b), delete the words "in all activities of sustainable development".

Replace indicator of achievement (b) (i) with the following: "(i) Progress in the achievement of United Nations objectives and goals on sustainable development, in particular those related to water, sanitation and human settlements, and the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production".

Replace expected accomplishment (e) with the following: "(e) Enabling the Commission on Sustainable Development to effectively review and facilitate partnerships that support the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation".

Replace indicator of achievement (e) with the following: "(e) Provision of information and summary reports on partnerships in a transparent, participatory and credible manner, according to the procedures which were agreed upon in the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session".

Insert in expected accomplishment (f), after "in particular", the words "North-South and".

Table 9.22

Insert a new expected accomplishment (f), reading: "(f) Improved access by Governments and international bodies to analytical tools, options and adequate methodologies regarding the linkages between political and economic issues and policies, such as economic sanctions, imposition of coercive economic measures, the relationship between disarmament and development and relevant aspects of post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction".

Insert a new indicator of achievement (f) and corresponding performance measures, reading:

"(f) Feedback from Member States on their access to analytical tools, options and adequate methodologies regarding the linkages between political and economic issues and policies

"*Performance measures*:

"2000-2001: to be determined

"Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined

"Target 2004-2005: to be determined".

Table 9.30

In expected accomplishment (a), delete the word "multi-stakeholder".

Replace the text of expected accomplishment (e) with the following: "(e) Enhanced capacity of Governments, in particular that of developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to participate actively in the financing for development process".

Add a new expected accomplishment (f), reading: "(f) Fuller engagement of Governments to ensure proper follow-up to the implementation of agreements and commitments reached at the Conference and to continue to build bridges between development, finance and trade organizations and initiatives within the framework of the holistic agenda of the Conference".

Add a new indicator of achievement (f) and corresponding performance measures, reading:

"(f) Feedback from Member States on the contribution of the subprogramme to the fuller engagement of Governments in the follow-up to the implementation of the outcome of the Conference

"*Performance measures*:

"2000-2001: not available

"Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined

"Target 2004-2005: to be determined".

Section 10
Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

Paragraph 10.1

At the end of the paragraph, add the following sentence: "In addition, the programme is responsible for the provision of effective follow-up support to the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, taking fully into account the relevant outcomes of the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and General Assembly resolution 57/262 relating to the convening of an international meeting in Mauritius in 2004 to undertake a full and comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States."

Paragraph 10.4

In the first sentence, after "Transport Cooperation and the", insert the words "further implementation of the".

In the third sentence, after "Department of Economic and Social Affairs", insert the words "the regional commissions and the South Centre".

Table 10.5

In the objective, replace the words "progress towards the achievement of" with the word "realize".

Under *Expected accomplishments*, at the end of the text, add the words "and the relevant General Assembly resolutions".

Paragraph 10.14 (d)

Replace the words "political situation of", with the words "political situation in".

Section 11
United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Paragraph 11.16

Replace the text of external factor (b) with the following: "the agencies of the United Nations system collaborate and coordinate their activities in a coherent and effective manner".

Delete the word "and" before (d) and add a new external factor (e), reading: "all stakeholders implement their financial pledges and other commitments to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development".

Table 11.10

In expected accomplishment (a), insert "academic institutions," before "the media".

Section 12
Trade and development

Replace, in every paragraph where the reference is made, "Millennium Development Goals" with "goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, as identified in section III of General Assembly resolution 55/2".

Paragraph 12.7

In the first sentence, replace the word "sectoral" with the word "national".

Paragraph 12.29 (a)

Before subparagraph (i), reading "United Nations Conference on Trade and Development", insert a new subparagraph (i), reading "General Assembly: substantive servicing of and inputs to the high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Assembly resolution 57/250", and re-letter the subsequent subparagraphs accordingly.

Table 12.10

In indicator of achievement (e), after "technical cooperation projects", add the words "that improve the areas of trade, competition, enterprise development and investment".

Table 12.11

In indicator of achievement (b), replace "Increased number of cross-sectoral activities" with "Significant increase in the number of cross-sectoral activities".

Table 12.15

In indicator of achievement (a) (ii), replace "this area" with "the trade-related capacity-building area".

Paragraph 12.54 (a) (i)

After "multilateral trading system (2);", insert "contributions to the report on the implementation of the International Conference on Financing for Development concerning trade".

Annex

Retain the output contained in document A/56/6, paragraph 11A.31 (d) (i), reading: "Advisory services to developing countries to enhance their capacity to attract foreign portfolio investment funds, and to optimize their developmental impact", and the output contained in A/56/6, paragraph 11A.43 (a) (i) (b), reading: "Inputs to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States".

Section 14
Environment

Paragraph 14.4

At the end of the second sentence, add the words "as well as of the seventh special session of the Governing Council of UNEP, held in Cartagena, and the World Summit on Sustainable Development".

Table 14.18

Indicator of achievement (d) should read: "Increased cooperation with UNCTAD, WTO and the multilateral environmental agreement secretariats to promote the mutual support of trade and environmental policies".

Indicator of achievement (e) (i) should read: "Increased number of companies adhering to the relevant provisions of the World Summit on Sustainable Development with regard to corporate responsibility and the Global Compact".

Paragraph 14.47 (b) (ii)

Replace the words "reports of surveys and studies on appropriate policies, practices and indicators to improve products and services from a life-cycle perspective" with the words "reports of surveys and studies on appropriate practices to improve products and services from a life-cycle perspective".

Replace the words "technical documents (including guidelines, case studies and training packages) on policies and practices related to life-cycle management of production processes, products and services" with the words "technical documents (including guidelines, case studies and training packages) on practices related to life-cycle management of production processes, products and services".

Paragraph 14.47 (c) (i)

After the words "provision of targeted technical advice to financial institutions to influence investment decisions favouring energy efficiency and renewable energy", add the words "and advanced fossil fuel technology".

Table 14.26

Under "Action taken to implement the recommendation", replace the paragraph reading:

> "It is expected that, after use of the indicative scale of contributions during a pilot phase in 2003, UNEP will analyse the accumulated experience and develop a new scale for the biennium 2004-2005, inviting all Member States to make adequate and predictable contributions"

with the paragraph reading:

> "The Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of UNEP in 2004 will review the effectiveness of the system and take a decision, as appropriate".

Section 15
Human settlements

Table 15.10

Replace expected accomplishment (i) with the following: "(i) Increased awareness of and sensitivity to the plight of the urban poor, and enhanced cooperation and partnership in slum upgrading initiatives in line with the Millennium Development Goal 'cities without slums'".

Insert in indicator of achievement (i) after the word "countries" the words "and other Habitat Agenda partners".

Delete in expected accomplishment (j) the words "renewable energy and".

Replace indicator of achievement (j) with the following: "(j) Number of countries working with UN-Habitat to promote access to diverse and efficient energy services as well as public and non-motorized transport".

Section 16
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Table 16.7

In indicator of achievement (e), replace the word "number" with the word "percentage" and adjust the performance measures accordingly.

Section 17
International drug control

Table 17.7

In indicator of achievement (ii), after the word "full", add the words "and efficient".

Table 17.10

In indicator of achievement (c), replace the words "timely receipt by" with the words "availability of information for".

Table 17.12

Under indicator of achievement (c) (i), performance measures (target 2004-2005), replace "an average rating of 'fully satisfactory'" with "a rating of 'fully satisfactory' by 75 per cent".

Delete indicator of achievement (c) (ii), and delete "(i)" in indicator of achievement (c) (i).

Under indicators of achievement (f) and (g), performance measures (target 2004-2005), replace "an average rating of 'fully satisfactory'" with "a rating of 'fully satisfactory' by 75 per cent".

Table 17.13

Expected accomplishment (b) should read: "Enhanced treaty adherence, at the request of Governments".

Indicator of achievement (b) should read: "Number of Member States that received support from the Secretariat to become parties to one of the three drug control treaties".

In indicator of achievement (c), insert "with the assistance of the Secretariat" after "Governments".

Table 17.15

In indicators of achievement (a), (b), (c) and (d), insert "with the assistance of the Secretariat" after "Member States".

Table 17.17

Objective 1

Replace the text of indicator of achievement (a) with the following: "(a) Enhanced assistance by UNDCP to Member States to establish or strengthen

national strategies to reduce and eliminate illicit cultivation, including comprehensive measures such as programmes in alternative development, law enforcement and eradication".

In indicators of achievement (b), (c) and (d), insert "with the assistance of the Secretariat" after the word "countries".

In indicator of achievement (e) (i), insert "with the assistance of the Secretariat" after the words "Member States".

Objective 2

In indicator of achievement (a), insert "with the assistance of the Secretariat" after the words "transit States".

Section 18
Economic and social development in Africa

Paragraph 18A.25

In the second sentence, after the words "This goal", insert ", while taking into account the new organization and programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development with regard to the regional implementation forum,".

Table 18A.10

Expected accomplishment (a) should read: "(a) Improved capacity of member States to design, implement and monitor development policies and strategies that address the needs of the poor, taking into account the goals of the Millennium Declaration and the priorities of NEPAD".

Table 18A.12

Expected accomplishment (a) should read: "(a) Increased awareness of policy makers of the interrelationship between and the need for integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development".

In indicator of achievement (a), replace the words "the number of citations of" with "the number of times reference was made to". In the performance measures, replace "citations" with "references".

Expected accomplishment (c) should read: "(c) Effective incorporation of the interrelated issues of food security, population, environment and human settlements into sustainable development policies".

Table 18A.18

In indicator of achievement (a), replace the words "trained by ECA" with the words "with the assistance of ECA".

Section 19
Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

Subprogramme 7

Replace the title with "Social development, including persistent and emerging issues".

Paragraph 19.7

Replace the words "least developed and landlocked countries as well as other developing countries" with the words "the developing countries and countries with economies in transition, particularly the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States".

Paragraph 19.40 (c) (ii)

At the beginning and at the end of the paragraph, replace the words "in the least developed countries and the countries with economies in transition" with the words "especially in the developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in particular the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States".

Paragraph 19.48 (c) (ii), (iii) and (iv)

Add ", advanced fossil fuel technology" after the words "energy efficiency".

Table 19.22

In expected accomplishment (a), replace the words "social issues" with the words "social development issues".

Delete indicator of achievement (a) (i).

Section 21
Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Table 21.10

Add indicators of achievement (d) and (e) of paragraph 17.9 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised.

Table 21.12

Add the indicators of achievement of paragraph 17.13 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised.

Table 21.14

In expected accomplishment (c), after the words "Enhanced regional", insert the word "technical".

Add indicators of achievement (a) and (b) of paragraph 17.18 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised.

Table 21.16

In indicator of achievement (c), after the word "guidelines" insert the words "with the assistance of ECLAC".

Paragraph 21.60

Replace paragraph 21.60 with the following: "The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) gender mainstreaming in the region continues to receive full support from the countries of the region; and (b) member States continue to support the activities of the subprogramme."

Table 21.20

Add indicators of achievement (a) and (c) of paragraph 17.33 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised, as indicators of achievement (a) (iv) and (a) (v). Add to the end of each the words "with the assistance or collaboration of ECLAC".

Table 21.22

Add indicator of achievement (b) of paragraph 17.37 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised, as indicator of achievement (b) (ii).

Table 21.24

Add expected accomplishment (a) of paragraph 17.41 and indicator of achievement (a) of paragraph 17.42 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised, as expected accomplishment (e) and indicator of achievement (e).

Table 21.28

In indicator of achievement (a) (ii), after the words "coding systems", add the words "with the assistance and/or collaboration of ECLAC".

Add indicators of achievement (d) and (e) of paragraph 17.50 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised, as indicators of achievement (a) (iii) and (a) (iv).

Table 21.30

Add expected accomplishments (a), (c) and (d) of paragraph 17.54 and indicators of achievement (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 17.55 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised.

Table 21.32

Add indicator of achievement (b) of paragraph 17.59 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as revised, as indicator of achievement (c) (ii) in table 21.32, and renumber indicator of achievement (c) (ii) as (c) (iii).

Section 23
Regular programme of technical cooperation

Paragraph 23.35

(a) (i) In the first of the advisory services, replace the words "especially in least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition" with the words "especially in the developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in particular least developed, landlocked and island developing countries";

(e) (i) In the tenth line, after the word "developing", insert the words "energy efficiency, advanced fossil fuel technology and";

(e) (ii) Replace the words "renewable energy" with the words "implementation of paragraph 20 of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, on energy";

(f) (i) In the first of the advisory services, replace the words "particularly of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and countries with economies in transition" with the words "especially of the developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in particular least developed, landlocked and island developing countries";

(g) (iii) Replace the subparagraph with the following: "Field project on addressing social development, including emerging social issues".

Section 24
Human rights

Paragraph 24.3

Delete the final sentence.

Paragraph 24.4

Delete the final sentence.

Paragraph 24.5

Delete the final sentence.

Paragraph 24.6

The final sentence should read: "During the biennium, OHCHR will work towards the goal of increased effectiveness and improved management, taking into account relevant resolutions and decisions, as well as the recommendations already made in that regard."

Paragraph 24.8 (a) (ii)

The item should read: "Under subprogramme 1, one new P-4 post to direct research and analysis in the implementation of the right to development, including strategies to achieve the Millennium Development Goals".

Paragraph 24.15 (e)

Delete the paragraph and renumber subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

Paragraph 24.29

At the end of the paragraph, add the sentence: "Specific proposals in this regard will be submitted to the General Assembly in line with the decision contained in paragraph 4 of its resolution 54/244".

Table 24.11

Add a new expected accomplishment (e) to read: "Strengthened efforts that contribute to the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" and a new measurement of achievement (e) to read: "An increased number of activities carried out to fulfil the mandates".

Paragraph 24.39 (c)

The paragraph should read: "The establishment of 1 new P-4 post to strengthen capacity in the area of the implementation of the right to development, including strategies to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by directing research and analysis".

Paragraph 24.58

The second sentence should read: "OHCHR establishes presences in the field as a response to decisions of relevant intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations, including the Commission on Human Rights, in accordance with their respective mandates."

In the fifth sentence, replace the words "and creating a culture of human rights" with the words "and creating human rights education and training".

Section 25
Protection of and assistance to refugees

Paragraph 25.4

In the last sentence, replace the words "programme of work will" with the words "subprogramme of work on protection will also".

Table 25.5

Replace expected accomplishment (d) with the following: "(d) Progress towards a durable solution through the formulation, facilitation and active implementation of voluntary repatriation operations in conditions of safety and dignity, followed up by the monitoring of the situations in countries to which the refugees return".

At the end of indicator of achievement (d), add the words "in the framework of voluntary repatriation operations".

Replace expected accomplishment (e) with the following: "(e) The promotion of local integration as a possible durable solution, where feasible, in accordance with the High Commissioner's strategy of development through local integration".

Under indicator of achievement (f) (ii), add the following performance measures: "2000-2001: not available; Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined; Target

2004-2005: to be determined". To indicator of achievement (f), add a new subsection (iii), reading: "(iii) The extent to which tools to improve monitoring and oversight of resettlement have been adopted". Add the following performance measures under indicator of achievement (f) (iii): "2000-2001: not available; Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined; Target 2004-2005: to be determined".

Add expected accomplishment (g) to expected accomplishment (c) (insert a full stop at the end of expected accomplishment (c)). Merge indicator of achievement (g) with indicator of achievement (c), producing two subsections, as follows: "(i) Decrease in the number of incidents related to sexual and gender-based violence reported to health clinics in refugee camps; (ii) The number of UNHCR country operations plans reflecting the five priority categories and key sectors". Under indicator of achievement (c), add a new subsection (iii), reading: "(iii) Development of measurable indicators corresponding to the High Commissioner's five commitments". Add new performance measures under indicator (c) (iii) as follows: "2000-2001: not available; Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined; Target 2004-2005: to be determined".

Table 25.6

Replace indicator of achievement (b) (i) with the following: "The number of initiatives incorporating quality of life of refugees and the surrounding local communities into national development plans".

In indicator of achievement (b) (ii), delete the words "against core standards".

In indicator of achievement (b) (iii), replace the word "microfinance" with the word "self-reliance".

In expected accomplishment (d), replace the word "protect" with the word "assist".

At the end of expected accomplishment (d), add "through the provision of sufficient voluntary contributions by the international community, in a spirit of burden-sharing and international solidarity".

In indicator of achievement (d) (ii), delete the words "as well as in the development through local integration strategy".

Under indicator of achievement (d), add a new subsection (iii), reading: "(iii) Increase in the level of voluntary contributions provided by the international community". Under performance measures for this indicator of achievement insert "To be determined".

Section 28
Public information

Paragraph 28.3

Replace the first two sentences with the following sentence: "The overarching mandate of the Department of Public Information is contained in General Assembly resolution 13 (I) of 13 February 1946, and its primary mission is to provide, through its outreach activities, accurate, impartial, comprehensive and timely information to the public on the tasks and responsibilities of the United Nations in order to strengthen international support for the activities of the Organization with the

greatest transparency, respecting existing mandates and in line with gulation 5.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Prog amme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods Evaluation, to focus its message and better concentrate its efforts and, as a function of performance management, to match its programmes to the needs of its target au diences, on the basis of improved feedback and evaluation mechanisms, as set ut in General Assembly resolution 57/130 B".

In the last sentence, after the words "has been formulated", sert the words "as welcomed by the Committee on Information".

Paragraph 28.4

The second sentence should read: "Its core message, with th medium-term plan priorities as the main guide, and taking into consideration Ge eral Assembly resolution 55/2 (the Millennium Declaration), will focus on the eradication of poverty, conflict prevention, sustainable development, human rights, the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the battle against international terrorism and the needs of the African continent (see resolution 57/130 B), as well as on international c operation, the transfer of technology and transparency in international trade".

Paragraph 28.11

After the words "in Western Europe" in the third sentence, ad the words "in accordance with resolutions 57/130 B and 57/300, in particular pa agraphs 44 and 15 respectively".

Table 28.7

At the end of the objective, add the words "and assessing the impact through annual programme reviews".

Insert "(d)" at the beginning of indicator of achievement (d), d at the end of the text add the words "in the implementation of the results of the Department's annual programme impact reviews".

Paragraph 28.29

In the first sentence, delete the words "and established by the Secretary-General".

In the second sentence, replace the words "using the Millenn um Declaration as its guide" with the words "of the medium-term plan and of the Millennium Declaration (General Assembly resolution 55/2)".

Paragraph 28.30

The second sentence should read: "Under the guidance of the Information Centres Service at Headquarters, the United Nations informa on centres and information components and regional hubs, as applicable, will play a significant role in disseminating information about the work of the Organization o the peoples of the world, including the areas outlined in the United Nat ons Millennium Declaration, with the information centres as the 'field voice' of the Department of Public Information, and will work through local intermediaries to promote public

awareness of and mobilize support for the work of the United Nations at the local level, bearing in mind that information in the local languages has the strongest impact on the local populations."

Paragraph 28.31

After the words "regional information hubs in strategic locations" in the first sentence, add the words "in accordance with resolutions 57/130 B and 57/300, in particular paragraphs 44 and 15 respectively".

Paragraph 28.33

Delete the last sentence.

Table 28.10

In the objective, after the words "on priority issues" add the words "of the medium-term plan and the Millennium Declaration (General Assembly resolution 55/2)".

In expected accomplishment (a), replace the words "on priority issues" with the words "in accordance with priorities established by the General Assembly".

Paragraph 28.50

At the end of the first sentence, replace the words "the Member States" with the words "intergovernmental organs in collaboration with the Member States".

Table 28.18

Insert (a) before the expected accomplishment and the indicator of achievement. Add the following to indicator of achievement (a): "; the number of hits on the United Nations web site, sorted by official language, and the number of radio programmes broadcast, by language".

Add a new expected accomplishment (b), reading: "(b) Timeliness in the submission of photographic and video material".

Add a new indicator of achievement (b), reading: "(b) Period of time within which photographic and video material is available to news organizations and media after an event takes place".

Table 28.22

At the end of indicator of achievement (a), add "; number of joint and/or coordinated projects by the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and other United Nations libraries; and number of hits on the Dag Hammarskjöld Library web sites, sorted by official language".

Paragraph 28.66

After the words "on priority issues", replace the rest of the text with the following: "using the priorities of the medium-term plan as the main guide and taking into consideration General Assembly resolution 55/2 (the Millennium Declaration)".

Table 28.24

In the objective, replace the words "using the Millennium Declaration as a guide" with the words "using the priorities of the medium-term plan and taking into consideration General Assembly resolution 55/2 (the Millennium Declaration)".

Add the following to the indicator of achievement: "the number of readers of the *UN Chronicle*, sorted by official language; and the number of times articles appearing in the *UN Chronicle* are cited in newspapers and journals".

Section 29
Management and central support services

Table 29A.5

In indicator of achievement (c), add the word "efficient" before the words "support services".

Table 29A.8

In objective 1, replace the words "Secretary-General's vision for reform" with the words "reforms in the United Nations".

Under objective 1, add a new indicator of achievement, reading: "Level of satisfaction expressed by the intergovernmental organs" and a new corresponding performance measure reading: "Periodic surveys among Member States".

Table 29A.10

At the end of the expected accomplishment, add "related to disciplinary affairs, claims and appeals of the staff".

Table 29B.5

In the objective, after the word "procedures", insert the words "contained in the Financial Regulations and Rules and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation".

Table 29B.8

Under objective 1, add a new expected accomplishment reading: "Better implementation of and compliance by departments and offices of the Secretariat with the Financial Regulations and Rules and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation", and a corresponding new indicator of achievement reading: "Fewer findings by the oversight bodies of non-compliance with the Financial Regulations and Rules and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation and other approved budgetary procedures and guidelines for the regular budget, peacekeeping budgets, extrabudgetary resources and budgets of the Tribunals".

Under objective 2, in indicator of achievement (a), after the words "travel claims", add the words "payroll, insurance, invoices and claims processing"; and

add a new indicator of achievement reading: "The availability of financial reports by the required dates".

Table 29B.10

Under objective 1, change indicator of achievement (b) to (b) (i), and add a new indicator of achievement reading: "(b) (ii) Availability of budgetary documents by the required dates".

Under objective 1, insert a new expected accomplishment (c) reading: "(c) Improved compliance with regulation 5.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation". Insert a new indicator of achievement (c), reading: "(c) Number of sections of the proposed programme budget for 2006-2007 that reflect a number of outputs deleted because they are obsolete, irrelevant or of marginal usefulness".

Paragraph 29B.31

In subparagraph (a) (ii) after the words "measures to encourage payment of assessed contributions and related issues", add the words "if mandated".

Table 29C.9

At the end of the expected accomplishment, add the words "taking into account Article 101 of the Charter".

At the end of indicator of achievement (ii), add the words "taking into account Article 101 of the Charter".

Under indicator of achievement (iii), performance measures, before "Number of unrepresented Member States", insert a new performance measure, reading: "Level of underrepresentation of Member States: to be determined".

Paragraph 29C.22

In subparagraph (a) (ii), after the words "gender balance," add ", geographical representation,".

At the end of subparagraph (b) (i) c, add the words "and taking into account planning for the replacement of retiring staff".

Table 29D.5

At the end of expected accomplishment (a), add the words "improving the application of the Financial Regulations and Rules and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation".

In indicator of achievement (a) (iii), replace the word "Full" with the words "Effective and efficient".

Table 29D.12

The objective should read: "To ensure efficient, effective and diversified procurement opportunities and high-quality procurement services for the Organization."

Add a new expected accomplishment (c) reading: "(c) Improvement in efforts to diversify United Nations suppliers", and a corresponding new indicator of achievement reading: "(c) Number of new suppliers registered".

Table 29E.12

At the end of expected accomplishment (f), add the words "and improvement in efforts to diversify United Nations suppliers".

Paragraph 29F.20

At the end of subparagraphs (a) and (b), add the words "observing the principle of geographical representation, taking into account Article 101 of the Charter".

Table 29G.12

At the end of expected accomplishment (f), add the words "and improvement in efforts to diversify United Nations suppliers".

Tables 29E.6 (Objective), 29E.8 (Objective 1), 29F.7 (Objective), 29F.9 (Objective 1), 29G.6 (Objective), 29G.8 (Objective 1)

At the end of the objectives, add "with the goal of achieving greater efficiency and effectiveness of operations".

Add a new indicator of achievement, reading: "Savings achieved from efficiency measures".

Section 30
Internal oversight

Table 30.8

In indicator of achievement (a), after "non-compliance" add "by programme managers".

In expected accomplishment (b), after "the Organization" add "and increased efficiency".

In indicator of achievement (b), replace "audit recommendations calling for formal" with "audits on".

Indicator of achievement (c) should become (c) (i); add a new indicator (c) (ii), reading: "(ii) The level of recovery of erroneous or unauthorized expenditures"; and add under the corresponding performance measures "To be determined".

In indicator of achievement (d), delete "and assignments".

Table 30.10

At the end of expected accomplishment (a), add "in accordance with the mandates".

Table 30.12

Add a new indicator of achievement (iii) reading: "(iii) Number of cases resolved" and "*Performance measures*: To be determined".

Annex, column headed "Reason for discontinuation"

At the end of the entry for paragraph 28.22 (a) (ii) b of A/56/6, add "included in the medium-term plan and to enhance support for self-evaluation by other departments and offices".

Section 31
Jointly financed administrative activities

Table 31.24

Under objective 1, add a new expected accomplishment reading: "Ensuring adequate coordination among United Nations agencies to provide for the safety and security of staff".

Add new indicators of achievement, reading:

"Reduction in the number of preventable security incidents in the field

"Increase in attendance at joint security training sessions run by the United Nations Security Coordinator in the field

"Compliance by all resident coordinators/humanitarian coordinators with their responsibilities as 'designated officials' for security".

Table 31.9

Under indicator of achievement (a), add performance measures reading:

"2000-2001: to be determined

"Estimate 2002-2003: to be determined

"Target 2004-2005: to be determined".

Annex II

Staffing table for 2004 and 2005

Category	*2004*	*2005*
Professional and above		
Deputy Secretary-General	1	1
Under-Secretary-General	27	27
Assistant Secretary-General	21	21
D-2	84	84
D-1	253	253
P-5	706	706
P-4/3	2 341	2 342
P-2/1	477	477
Subtotal	**3 910**	**3 911**
General Service		
Principal level	274	274
Other level	2 673	2 673
Subtotal	**2 947**	**2 947**
Other		
Security Service	218	218
Local level	1 677	1 677
Field Service	185	185
Trades and Crafts	181	181
Subtotal	**2 261**	**2 261**
Total	**9 118**	**9 119**

Annex III

New posts approved in the context of the review of the initial proposal of the Secretary-General

Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	
Office of the Ombudsman	1 D-1
Office of the Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi	1 P-5
Section 3. Political affairs	
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process	1 P-3, 1 Security Service
Section 4. Disarmament	
Weapons of mass destruction	1 P-5
Regional disarmament	1 D-1
Section 8. Legal affairs	
Progressive harmonization and unification of the law of international trade	1 D-2, 1 P-5, 1 P-2
Section 9. Economic and social affairs	
Executive direction and management	1 Assistant Secretary-General, 1 P-5
Economic and Social Council support and coordination	1 P-5
Population	1 P-5, 1 P-3
Financing for development	1 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3
Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	1 P-3, 1 P-2
Section 10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	1 D-1
Section 12. Trade and development	
Investment, enterprise development and technology	1 P-4
Programme support	1 D-2
Section 14. Environment	
Executive direction and management	1 P-5
Section 15. Human settlements	
Shelter and sustainable human settlements development	1 P-4
Monitoring the Habitat agenda	1 P-5
Section 16. Crime prevention and criminal justice	1 P-4
Section 19. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	
Poverty and development	1 P-2
Statistics	1 P-2
Environment and sustainable development	1 P-2
Social development, including emerging social issues	1 P-2
Section 21. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	
Environmental and human settlements	1 P-2
Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America	1 P-4
Section 24. Human rights	
Right to development research and analysis	1 P-4
Supporting human rights bodies analysis	1 P-5, 1 P-4
Advisory services, fact-finding and field activities	1 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-4
Section 26. Palestine refugees	1 D-1, 1 P-5, 1 P-4, 2 P-3
Section 27. Humanitarian assistance	
Complex emergencies	1 P-4, 1 P-3
Disaster relief	1 P-3

Section 29. Management and central support services		
Management services, Nairobi		1 General Service (Local level)
Programme planning, budget and accounts, Nairobi		1 P-4, 5 General Service (Local level)
Human resources management, Nairobi		2 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2, 5 General Service
	Total	**62**

Annex IV

Conversions of temporary resources to established posts

Section 2. General Assembly affairs and conference services	
Interpretation, meeting and publishing services, New York	2 P-5, 3 P-4, 5 P-3
Section 3. Political affairs	
Security Council affairs	1 P-5, 1 P-3, 1 P-2/1, 5 General Service (Other level)
Section 7. International Court of Justice	
The Registry	5 P-2/1
Section 10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	
	1 Under-Secretary-General, 1 D-2, 2 P-5, 3 P-4, 1 P-3, 5 General Service (Other level)
Section 11. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	
Mobilization of international support	1 Under-Secretary-General, 1 D-1, 1 P-4, 2 P-3, 2 General Service (Other level)
Section 24. Human rights	
Advisory services, fact-finding and field activities	1 P-5, 1 P-4, 3 P-3
Section 29C. Human Resources Management	
Office of Operational Services	1 P-3, 1 P-2, 2 General Service (Other level)
Total	**52**

Draft resolution II
Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

A
Budget appropriations for the biennium 2004-2005

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 2004-2005:

1. Appropriations totalling 3,160,860,300 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Section		*Amount*
Part I.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	
	1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	58 504.4
	2. General Assembly affairs and conference services	535 380.5
	Subtotal	**593 884.9**
Part II.	Political affairs	
	3. Political affairs	239 595.4
	4. Disarmament	18 048.2
	5. Peacekeeping operation	86 124.2
	6. Peaceful uses of outer space	5 484.4
	Subtotal	**349 252.2**
Part III.	International justice and law	
	7. International Court of Justice	31 537.9
	8. Legal affairs	38 707.5
	Subtotal	**70 245.4**
Part IV.	International cooperation for development	
	9. Economic and social affairs	137 739.4
	10. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	4 231.9
	11. United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	9 344.0
	12. Trade and development	106 241.8
	13. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	23 472.2
	14. Environment	10 530.1
	15. Human settlements	15 536.2
	16. Crime prevention and criminal justice	9 392.8
	17. International drug control	20 006.9
	Subtotal	**336 495.3**

Section		Amount
Part V.	Regional cooperation for development	
	18. Economic and social development in Africa	95 617.0
	19. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	66 644.0
	20. Economic development in Europe	50 196.8
	21. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	80 804.0
	22. Economic and social development in Western Asia	52 480.4
	23. Regular programme of technical cooperation	42 871.5
	Subtotal	**388 613.7**
Part VI.	Human rights and humanitarian affairs	
	24. Human rights	56 784.5
	25. Protection of and assistance to refugees	56 731.9
	26. Palestine refugees	33 851.8
	27. Humanitarian assistance	23 292.3
	Subtotal	**170 670.5**
Part VII.	Public information	
	28. Public information	155 869.9
	Subtotal	**155 869.9**
Part VIII.	Common support services	
	29. Management and central support services	516 168.9
	Subtotal	**516 168.9**
Part IX.	Internal oversight	
	30. Internal oversight	23 227.2
	Subtotal	**23 227.2**
Part X.	Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses	
	31. Jointly financed administrative activities	22 990.2
	32. Special expenses	79 455.1
	Subtotal	**102 445.3**
Part XI.	Capital expenditures	
	33. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	58 651.3
	Subtotal	**58 651.3**
Part XII.	Staff assessment	
	34. Staff assessment	382 270.7
	Subtotal	**382 270.7**

Section	Amount
Part XIII. Development Account	
35. Development Account	13 065.0
Subtotal	**13 065.0**
Total	**3 160 868.3**

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

4. In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, an amount of 125,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2004-2005 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the library at the Palais des Nations in Geneva as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

B

Income estimates for the biennium 2004-2005

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 2004-2005:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 415,291,800 United States dollars are approved as follows:

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Income section	Amount
1. Income from staff assessment	386 491.7
2. General income	24 043.2
3. Services to the public	4 756.9
Total	**415 291.8**

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, the sale of statistical products, catering operations and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

C

Financing of appropriations for the year 2004

The General Assembly,

Resolves that for the year 2004:

1. Budget appropriations consisting of 1,580,430,150 United States dollars, being half of the appropriation of 3,160,860,300 dollars approved for the biennium 2004-2005 by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of resolution A above, plus 76,909,100 dollars, being the increase in revised appropriations for the biennium 2002-2003 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 57/311 of 18 June 2003 and 58/267 of 23 December 2003, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations,[1] as follows:

(a) 8,007,450 dollars, consisting of 14,400,050 dollars, being the net of half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 2004-2005 under resolution B above, less 6,392,600 dollars, being the decrease in income other than staff assessment for the biennium 2002-2003;

(b) 1,649,331,800 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 213,298,950 dollars, consisting of:

(a) 193,245,850 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 2004-2005 in resolution B above;

(b) 20,053,100 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2002-2003 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 58/267 of 23 December 2003.

[1] ST/SGB/2003/7.

Draft resolution III

Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

The General Assembly,

I

Information and communication technology strategy

Recalling its resolution 57/304 of 15 April 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information and communication technology strategy: implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/304 of 15 April 2003",[1]

Having also considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Managing information in the United Nations system organizations: management information systems",[2] the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[1] and welcomes the steps being taken to address all requests contained in its resolution 57/304;

2. *Reiterates* the need to indicate the return on investment for planned and proposed major projects in terms that are as quantitative as possible;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit,[2] the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[4]

II

Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat

Recalling its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001 and its decision 57/574 of 20 December 2002,

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat[5] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

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[1] A/58/377.
[2] See A/58/82.
[3] See A/58/82/Add.1.
[4] A/58/344.
[5] A/58/399.
[6] A/58/7/Add.9.

III
Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2004[7] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[8]

1. *Approves* the request for a subvention by the General Assembly of 227,600 United States dollars for the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research for 2004 from the approved regular budget of the United Nations on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;[9]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-ninth session on the continuing need for a subvention to the Institute, taking into account previous reports and any relevant decisions on the question of subventions;

IV
Improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in order to accommodate adequately major meetings and conferences

Recalling its resolutions 55/222 of 23 December 2000, 56/242 of 24 December 2001 and 57/283 B of 15 April 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on improving and modernizing the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in order to accommodate adequately major meetings and conferences[10] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[11]

1. *Authorizes* the modernization of the existing conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

2. *Decides* to appropriate related resources under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005,[12] to finance the modernization of the existing conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in the amount of 1,032,000 United States dollars as a charge against the contingency fund;

3. *Also decides* to approve the utilization of an amount of 1,020,000 dollars for the modernization of the existing conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, to be financed within the available balance of the construction-in-progress account;

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[7] A/C.5/58/3.
[8] A/58/7/Add.4.
[9] A/58/6 (Sect. 4).
[10] A/58/530.
[11] A/58/7/Add.6.
[12] A/58/6 (Sect. 33).

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on the experience gained from operating the modernized conference facilities of the United Nations Office at Nairobi during the biennium 2006-2007;

V

Special political missions: estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[13] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[14]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council;[13]

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report,[14] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* not to endorse the observation of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 26 of its report;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further explore synergies and complementarities between various missions and other relevant entities of the United Nations in order to ensure efficiency and optimum use of resources and to report thereon in the context of future budget proposals on special political missions;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to expand the treatment of larger missions with a view to providing a level of information similar to that contained in the proposed budgets of peacekeeping operations, taking into account relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

6. *Approves* a charge of 133,119,500 United States dollars for the 17 special political missions presented in table 1, section II, of the report of the Secretary-General,[15] emanating from decisions taken or to be taken by the Security Council, against the provision of 169,431,700 dollars for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;[15]

7. *Also approves* a further charge of 2,172,400 dollars for the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 January to 4 February 2004, consequent to the adoption of resolution 58/275 of 23 December 2003, against the provision of 169,431,700 dollars for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

8. *Further approves* a charge of 7,185,000 dollars for the three special political missions presented in table 1, section I, of the report of the Secretary-General,[15] emanating from decisions taken or to be taken by the General Assembly,

[13] A/C.5/58/20.
[14] A/58/7/Add.18.
[15] A/58/6 (Sect. 3).

against the provision of 169,431,700 dollars for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

VI
Joint Inspection Unit

1. *Approves* the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for 2004 in the amount of 4,900,800 United States dollars;[16]

2. *Decides* to take action on the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for 2005 in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

VII
International Civil Service Commission

Approves a gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 2004-2005 in the amount of 14,724,100 United States dollars.[16]

VIII
Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator

Approves the gross budget for the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator for the biennium 2004-2005 in the amount of 86,375,800 United States dollars;[16]

IX
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions of 2003[17] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[18]

2. *Notes* that additional financial requirements for the meeting of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration in the amount of 58,300 United States dollars are no longer required;

3. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to review its decision 2003/264 of 23 July 2003 regarding the arrangement of the Social Forum, invites the Council, in this regard, to hold the Social Forum immediately before the sessions of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, and decides that the related resources of 12,800 dollars will be a charge against the contingency fund;

4. *Also invites* the Economic and Social Council to review its decision 2003/269 of 23 July 2003 with a view to examining the possibility that additional meetings of the Commission on Human Rights may not be required in connection with its sixtieth session, requests the Secretary-General to provide such conference services as might be required consequent to Council decision 2003/269, as reviewed,

[16] See A/58/6 (Sect. 31), A/58/528 and A/58/7/Add.11.
[17] A/C.5/58/10.
[18] A/58/7/Add.8.

and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the related expenditures in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, and decides that an amount of 193,800 dollars will be set aside in the contingency fund in the event that additional requirements arise from providing such services;

X
Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Having considered the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,[19] the report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board[20] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[21]

1. *Concurs* with the recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund[22] and on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board;[23]

2. *Approves* expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 80,770,800 United States dollars net for the biennium 2004-2005 and no change in the initial appropriation of 74,384,900 dollars net for the biennium 2002-2003 for the administration of the Fund;

3. *Also approves* an additional amount of 1,504,500 dollars above the level of resources set out in section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2004-2005[24] as the United Nations share of the cost of the administrative expenses of the central secretariat of the Fund;

4. *Authorizes* the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 2004-2005 by an amount not exceeding 200,000 dollars;

XI
Special political missions

Notes that an unallocated balance of 26,954,800 United States dollars remains against the provision of 169,431,700 dollars for special political missions;[25]

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[19] A/58/214 and Corr.1.
[20] A/C.5/58/27.
[21] A/58/7/Add.9 and A/58/7/Add.19.
[22] A/58/7/Add.9.
[23] A/58/7/Add.19.
[24] A/58/6 (Sect. 1).
[25] A/C.5/58/33.

XII
Proposed programme budget for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Having considered the programme budget proposals for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO for the biennium 2004-2005[26] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[27]

Decides to approve resources in the amount of 23,472,200 United States dollars proposed for the biennium 2004-2005 under section 13, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;[26]

XIII
Effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from the effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation[28] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[29]

Takes note of the revised estimates arising from recosting due to the effects of changes in the rates of exchange and inflation;

XIV
Financial viability of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research[30] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[31]

1. *Decides* to cancel the debt of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in respect of rent and maintenance charges in the amount of 321,184 United States dollars;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to rationalize the financial structure of the Institute, including through the possible application of a consistent programme support rate to the special purpose grants fund in order to bring it in line with the standard rate applied by the United Nations, and decides to revert to the question at its fifty-ninth session;

XV
Cost implications of providing more predictable and adequate conference services to the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States

Recalling its resolutions 56/242 of 24 December 2001 and 57/283 B of 15 April 2003,

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[26] A/58/6 (Sect. 13) and Add.1.
[27] A/58/7/Add.7.
[28] A/58/528.
[29] A/58/7/Add.11.
[30] A/58/544.
[31] A/58/7/Add.10.

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the cost implications of providing more predictable and adequate conference services to the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States[32] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6]

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the cost implications of providing more predictable and adequate conference services to the meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States[32] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] and notes in this regard that there would be no effect on the budget estimates of the United Nations;

XVI
Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 11,314,500 United States dollars remains in the contingency fund;[33]

XVII
Conference and support services extended to the Counter-Terrorism Committee in the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)

Recalling its resolutions 56/288 of 27 June 2002 and 57/292 of 20 December 2002,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on conference and support services extended to the Counter-Terrorism Committee in the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001)[34] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[35]

1. *Reiterates* paragraph 2 of its resolution 56/288, in which it requested the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of conference and support services to the Counter-Terrorism Committee without adversely affecting other conference services;

2. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of 8,193,000 United States dollars to support the meeting requirements of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for the biennium 2004-2005 in the programme budget as follows: 7,958,900 dollars under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services,[36] and 234,100 dollars under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services;[37]

XVIII
Development Account

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account: third progress report,[38] and concurs with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[6]

[32] A/58/397.
[33] See A/C.5/58/34.
[34] A/C.5/58/23.
[35] A/58/7/Add.17.
[36] A/58/6 (Sect. 2).
[37] A/58/6 (Sect. 29D).
[38] A/58/404.

XIX
Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986;

2. *Notes* that the effects on the budget of inflation and currency fluctuations can be both positive and negative;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations[39] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of establishing a reserve fund to utilize currency gains and to report thereon, through the Advisory Committee, to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;

XX
Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions[40] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[6]

XXI
United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships.[41]

XXII
Capital master plan

Takes note of the first annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan,[42] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the capital master plan for the period from January to July 2003,[43] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan[44] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[45]

XXIII
Administration and management of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the administration and management of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human

[39] A/58/400
[40] A/58/403
[41] A/58/173
[42] A/58/599
[43] A/58/342
[44] A/58/321
[45] A/58/7/Add.15

Rights[46] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[47]

XXIV
Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2003

Recalling its resolution 58/251 of 23 December 2003, entitled "United Nations common system", in particular section I.D of the resolution concerning hazard pay,

Takes note of the statement of the Secretary-General[48] on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2003[49] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[50]

[46] A/58/569.
[47] A/58/7/Add.12.
[48] A/58/378.
[49] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 30* (A/58/30).
[50] A/58/7/Add.2.

Draft resolution IV
Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2004-2005

The General Assembly

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations[1] and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 2004-2005 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 8 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 2004-2005 as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, article 31), not exceeding a total of 330,000 dollars;

(ii) The calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, article 50) and the appointment of assessors (Statute, article 30), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for the completion of cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges and travel and removal expenses and installation grant of members of the Court (Statute, article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 410,000 dollars;

(v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, article 22), not exceeding a total of 25,000 dollars;

(c) Such commitments not exceeding a total of 500,000 dollars in the biennium 2004-2005 as the Secretary-General certifies are required for inter-organizational security measures pursuant to section IV of General Assembly resolution 36/235 of 18 December 1981;

2. *Resolves* that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. *Decides* that for the biennium 2004-2005, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments

[1] ST/SGB/2003/7

relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General Assembly, or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

Draft resolution V
Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2004-2005

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 2004-2005 in the amount of 100 million United States dollars;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for the year 2004;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from the surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;

(b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2004-2005 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/257 of 24 December 2001;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2002-2003 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 2004-2005;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for that purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments that may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 58/273 of 23 December 2003 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as may be necessary to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities, which, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars; advances in excess of 200,000 dollars may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(c) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 2004-2005, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.

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Programme planning

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Programme planning" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 30th meeting, on 23 December 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/58/SR.30).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-third session;[1]

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: Programme 8: United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (A/58/83);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: Programme 7: Economic and social affairs (A/58/84);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General on proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: Programme 23: Public information (A/58/90);

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/58/16).

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(e) Letter dated 27 October 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/11);

(f) Letter dated 6 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/14);

(g) Letter dated 10 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/15);

(h) Letter dated 24 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/19);

(i) Letter dated 24 November 2003 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/21).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.46

4. At its 30th meeting, on 23 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Programme planning" (A/C.5/58/L.46), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Nigeria.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.46 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Programme planning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/234 of 21 December 1982, 38/227 A of 20 December 1983, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 55/234 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 57/282 of 20 December 2002 and 58/271 of 23 December 2003,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-third session,[1]

Appreciating the letters from the President of the General Assembly transmitting the recommendations of the Assembly,[2] the Second Committee,[3] the Third Committee[4] and of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[5] on the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on proposed revisions to programmes 7, 8 and 23 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, and on evaluation,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-third session;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 as contained in the report of the Committee on the work of its forty-third session and as endorsed by the Second Committee regarding programme 7, Economic and social affairs,[3] by the General Assembly regarding programme 8, United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development,[6] and by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) regarding programme 23, Public information;[5]

3. *Reaffirms* the relevant paragraphs of its resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, through the Committee for Programme and Coordination, a report on priority-setting;

4. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, as contained in chapter II, on evaluation, as contained in chapter III, section C, and as endorsed by the General Assembly,[2] on the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2002 and on the New Partnership for Africa's

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/58/16).
[2] A/C.5/58/19 and A/C.5/58/21.
[3] A/C.5/58/11.
[4] A/C.5/58/15.
[5] A/C.5/58/14.
[6] A/C.5/58/19.

Development, as contained in chapter IV, and on the Joint Inspection Unit, as contained in chapter V, of its report;

5. *Decides* to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the practice of involving United Nations programme managers in investigative processes, requested in section IV, paragraph 3, of its resolution 57/282, at the first part of its resumed fifty-eighth session under the item entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations".